

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12 are pending and claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 12 are withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claims 7 and 9 are amended. Withdrawn claim 12 should be rejoined and allowed when its independent claim 7 is allowed. See MPEP §821.04.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution; (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to rejections raised for the first time in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

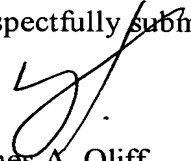
The Office Action rejects claims 7, 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being non-statutory because they embrace two different statutory classes of invention, i.e., apparatus and process of using the apparatus. Further, the Office Action rejects claims 7, 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because the claims are directed to both an apparatus and a process of using the apparatus.

In response, the phrase "wherein when the substrate main body is cut along the contour line, the portions of the plurality of leads in the area defined by the contour line and the through-holes of the respective leads define the conduction sections" has been deleted from claim 7. Accordingly, claims 7, 9 and 10 even more clearly fall under one statutory class, i.e., apparatus category. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101 and 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that the references of record do not disclose or suggest at least one contour line formed on at least one surface of the substrate main body, the contour line defining an area on the substrate main body, portions of the plurality of leads extend into the area defined by the contour line, and through-holes are arranged corresponding to the respective leads such that each lead has a through-hole in an area other than the area defined by the contour line and through-hole in the area defined by the contour line, as recited in independent claim 7. Therefore, independent claim 7 defines patentable subject matter. Claims 9 and 10 depend from independent claim 7, and therefore also define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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